

On the hyperfine interaction in rare-earth Van Vleck paramagnets at high magnetic fields

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Abstract

The influence of high magnetic fields on the hyperfine interaction in rare-earth ions with a non-magnetic ground state (Van Vleck ions) is investigated theoretically for the case of Tm^{3+} ions in an axially symmetrical crystal electric field (in an ethylsulphate crystal). It is shown that magnetic-field-induced distortions of the 4f-electron shell lead to crucial changes in the hyperfine magnetic field at the nucleus. The proposed theoretical model is in agreement with recent experimental data.

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